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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As Executive Director of the Oregon Opportunity Network, I would like to express my support for the process the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has undertaken to expand wireless broadband access in rural and underserved areas via its consideration of LightSquared's 4G-LTE service.

The Oregon Opportunity Network represents over 180 statewide affordable housing and community development organizations and individuals that work to provide housing and economic opportunity for working families, people with disabilities, seniors and others struggling to meet their needs in communities throughout Oregon. From our perspective, increasing affordable access to broadband in the communities we work with throughout Oregon is a much-needed and worthy policy goal for the FCC. Whether it is to open up economic opportunities, facilitate critical healthcare needs, or simply improve connectivity with family and friends, improving wireless broadband coverage will greatly strengthen these communities.

Authorizing LightSquared to deploy a nationwide 4G-LTE network, under its newly proposed plan, is a step in the right direction towards bridging the digital divide. By offering smaller carriers, as well as device makers and content providers, significantly less expensive wholesale access to a nationwide 4G-LTE network, LightSquared will enable companies like Cricket and Portland-based Consumer Cellular to offer a very

affordable world-class wireless broadband service to their niche, often underserved consumers. According to the Brattle Group's economic study, LightSquared's terrestrial service will provide approximately "\$12 billion in value to the economy and \$120 billion in benefits to consumers." Moreover, the study reports that "derailing LightSquared's deployment of LTE would cause significant economic harm."

Given the considerable benefits to consumers, especially to those who most need it in rural and underserved communities, I would urge the FCC to move forward in ensuring the availability of both LightSquared's 4G-LTE service *and* GPS services. The recommendations recently proposed by LightSquared certainly seem to accomplish just that in both the short and long-terms.

Ultimately, all Americans should have the opportunity to succeed in life and this opportunity begins in the creation of sustainable communities where a variety of people have a place to call home and an income sufficient to meet their basic needs. LightSquared's service and business plan will facilitate this opportunity and we urge the FCC to allow LightSquared to proceed with its terrestrial deployment as soon as safely possible.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments on behalf of the Oregon Opportunity Network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Miller" clearly distinguishable.

John Miller

Executive Director

Oregon Opportunity Network